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UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Saturday, September 22d, 1883.

Pursuant to adjournment, THE UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met this day in its Sixty-third Annual Session, with White Oak church, Copiah county, Miss., on Saturday before the fourth Sabbath in September, 1883.

After singing, the Moderator read the 121st Psalm, and Elder Geo. Whitfield offered prayer.

The Moderator appointed brethren S. R. Young and Wm. Sumrall reading clerks.

Letters were read from the following churches, and delegates enrolled as follows:

Antioch—U. M. Conn, T. U. Bufkin.

Beech Grove—J. L. Price, S. S. Fife.

Bethesda—A. H. McCaa, J. W. Smith.

Brushy Fork—A. W. Scott, Geo. Boren.

Damascus—W. A. Harris, W. T. McDade, R. Slay, J. D. Granberry.

Fellowship—Elder J. A. Snyder, A. C. Till, F. G. Marble.

Gallman—Wm. Sumrall, J. Sumrall, B. F. Tillman.

Hazlehurst—Jas, A. Bass, Elder A. A. Lomax.

New Hope—T. J. Martin, G. W. Rotch, J. H. Purser.

New Zion—C. J. Green, Z. J. Scott, R. E. Manning.

New Providence—G. W. Douglass.

Pine Bluff—Wm. Selman, R. B. Latimer.

Pleasant Hill—W. H. Thedford, L. S. McKinney, J. D. Barksdale.

Port Gibson—J. A. McGill, A. H. C. Thompson, E. B. Thompson.

Philadelphia—T. E. Applewhite, W. W. Thames.

Rodney—W. E. Bolls, J. F. Bolls.

Spring Hill—W. B. Martin.

White Oak—W. H. Craig, H. Coleman, G. W. Simmons.

Corresponding letters from the Ladies' Aid Societies of Damascus, White Oak and Port Gibson were read.

The Association then went into an election for officers, by appointing brethren J. J. Green and L. S. Piker tellers, when Elder J. A. Snyder for Moderator, C. J. Green for treasurer and J. D. Granberry for clerk, were declared duly elected.

The Moderator elect declared the sixty-third annual session of this body ready for business.

Bro. Wilson Bolls offered prayer, and on motion, the body adjourned for one hour.

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AFTERNOON.

Elder A. A. Lomax preached from Mat. 16:3. "Can ye not discern the sign of the times?"

On motion, the order of business of the sixty-second session of this body was adopted, viz:

1. Introductory sermon.
2. Organize.
3. Call for petitionary letters.
4. Call for correspondence.
5. Appoint committees.
6. Appoint messengers to corre-ponding bodies.

7. Hear reports.
8. Motions and resolutions.
9. Adjourn.

On motion, suspended the regular order of business and the Moderator announced the pastor and deacons of White Oak church as the committee on Devotional Exercises.

CALLED FOR CORRESPONDENCE.

Enrolled for Foreign Mission Board—Elder Geo. Whitfield.

Enrolled for Central Association—Elder T. J. Walne, A. J. Miller, Geo. Whitfield, R. M. Leavell, H. D. White, Geo. Mims, E. C. Eager.

Enrolled for Strong River Association—Elder J. J. Green, J. M. Goode, G. W. Clements.

Enrolled for Mississippi Association—Elder W. W. Bolls.

Enrolled for State Mission Board—Elder T. J. Walne, Elder L. S. Piker.

Enrolled for The Argus—Elder E. C. Eager.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

Finance—J. A. Bass, R. E. Manning, F. K. Bolls.

Ministerial Education—H. Coleman, W. H. Thedford, J. A McGill, with Elder R. N. Hall.

State Missions—J. H. Purser, G. W. Simmons, T. J. Martin, with Elder T. J. Walne.

Publications—Z. J. Scott, E. B. Thompson, with Elder L. S. Piker.

Temperance—A. St. C. Thompson, W. H. Harris, W. T. McDade, with Elder H. D. White.

Pastoral Support—A. U. Scott, Geo. Boren, W. E. Bolls, with Elder W. W. Bolls.

Woman's Work—Geo. W. Douglass, W. W. Thames, J. L. Price, with Elder A. J. Miller.

Nominations—A. C. Till, R. B. Latimer, A. H. McCaa, with Elders H. D. White, J. A. Snyder, A. A. Lomax.

Home Missions—Wm. Sumrall, W. H. Thedford, with

Elder J. J. Green.

Foreign Missions—F. G. Marble, Jo Sumrall, with Elder Geo. Whitfield.

Committee on Devotional Exercises reported:

To address Sabbath-school Mass-meeting at 9½ o'clock a. m. Sabbath, Elders A. J. Miller and J. J. Green.

To preach at 11 a. m., Elder T. J. Walne.

To preach at 2 p. m., Elder W. W. Bolls, at colored church.

To preach at 11 a. m., Elder Geo. Whitfield.

To preach at 2 p. m., Elder J. J. Green.

On motion, Bro. E. B. Thompson and Elder A. J. Miller were appointed to amend the form of Associational Letter.

MESSENGERS TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Strong River Association—Elder A. A. Lomax, J. A. Bass, Wm. Sumrall, Richard Manning, A. C. Till.

Pearl River Association—T. H. Purser, J. A. Bass.

Central Association—T. J. Martin, Z. J. Scott.

Fair River Association—Wm. Sumrall.

Mississippi Association—Elder A. A. Lomax, Elder Jos. Buckles.

State Convention—J. T. Edwards, Wm. Sumrall, A. U. Scott, Elder J. A. Snyder, G. W. Rotch, S. S. Fife, Elder A. A. Lomax, J. E. Lowe, Elder Jos. Buckles, F. K. Bolls, Jos. Chiles.

Pending the report on General Education, the body, on motion, adjourned to 8½ o'clock a. m., 24th.

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SABBATH EXERCISES.

After addresses by Elders A. J. Miller and J. J. Green to Sunday-school Mass-meeting, Elder T. J. Walne preached from 11th chapter of John.

Then had a recess for refreshments, after which Elder W. W. Bolls preached from 3d Gal. 1st v.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

September 25th, 8½ o'clock a. m., 1883.

The Association was opened by singing and joining Elder E. C. Eager in prayer.

The minutes of the first day were read, amended and approved.

Resolved that the report on General Education with the "Addenda" offered be approved, viz:

REPORT ON GENERAL EDUCATION.

Your committee on General Education beg leave to report:

That the subject of education though old and often treated is yet full of interest and will be as long as there are minds untrained or children untutored. As to the advantages education gives, or as to the imperative need of education, your committee deem it unnecessary to speak. These are patent to all thinking people. To our mind the kind of education is a question of importance.

1. Physical. The body and its development are within the purview of education. A sane mind must be connected with a sane body. The vital organs, indeed the whole body, require attention. Not simply for the body's sake, but for the whole life-work. Educate the hands. It is folly to condemn labor.

2. Moral. The heart must come in for its share. It is the moral nature that raises us above the brute in the scales of being and links us to the infinite. To neglect this is to blunder fatally. The true man is within and if he is educated it must be done through our moral nature. This moral nature is susceptible of culture downward or culture upward. The "downward" is to be devil like, the "upward" Godlike. The one, a monstrosity, the other a thing of beauty.

3. Intellectual. Three angles are necessary to a triangle. The intellect is the third angle. Not so important as the heart, but equally as much so as the hands. The three are essential to the whole. The mind cannot be, must not be overlooked. It is a world within itself. In its culture all the faculties should be so developed as to bring out the whole in symmetri-

cal proportion. All right education must include the three H's—the hands, the heart and the head.

Where can all this be had? The first can be had at home. That home is sadly defective where children are required to do nothing. There is no necessity for "A. & M." schools until our people get so rich they have nothing to do at home and then they can afford to remain in ignorance. We do not think there is any need for "manual laboring schools" in this country; no need for Agricultural and Mechanical colleges. It is a useless expenditure of public money. The moral culture should begin at home, around the fireside, continued at the Sabbath-schools and in the sanctuary under the voice of the living ministry. With these we would associate Christian or denominational schools as proper aids in giving moral culture. The State is a body politic, has no religion, no creed and is of very questionable morals, as the politics of the State at the present time clearly evince. Hence there is a poor prospect of moral culture in State institutions as such. That there may be moral culture we doubt not but that there must be moral culture in the true and strict sense of the term is exceedingly doubtful. In view of this, and much more that we might say, we are decidedly in favor of denominational schools for all higher education. They believe something, and they teach that belief to their pupils. Eighty-five per cent. of all Institutions in the Government for higher education have a denominational character. For moral culture denominational schools are a necessity. As Baptists we believe this, and therefore have our denominational schools, and in this respect are abreast of the times.

First and foremost is our beloved Mississippi College, with her 244 boys and young men, a blessing to us, an ornament to Mississippi, a power and a mighty power for good. And then there are within the limits of the State at least seven Baptist institutions for the higher education of our daughters, with chartered rights to confer degrees when the curriculum has been completed. Over one thousand boys and girls are thus annually brought under Baptist influence in Mississippi for moral and higher intelleotual culture. But brevity forbids that we enlarge. We thank God for these schools. May they be blessed of Him.

ADDENDA.

Resolved, That in our estimation great stress should be laid upon the religious instruction of the boys and girls in our

denominational schools. That we earnestly recommend also the employment of Baptist teachers in all of said schools, and not only Baptist teachers in name, but persons of active piety with a view to the conversion of the girls and boys sent to them.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEX A. LOMAX,
J. D. GRANBERRY,
B. HIGHDON,
Committee.

REPORT ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sabbath-schools would report as folfows:

The prime object of Sabbath-schools of the present age is to teach the holy scriptures from a belief that that a knowledge of the same is indispensable. By them we learn our duty both to God and man. Through the Sabbath-schools the duties of life can be learned. The scriptures sets forth the destiny of men in nature as being exposed to eternal death and it also teaches the way of eternal life. In the Sabbath-schools we teach the youths, and early impressions are the most lasting. The propositions set forth are a foregone conclusion. As such how important the Sabbath-school work; since there are many families where religious teaching and influences are not had. The Sabbath-schools are intended to meet this necessity, by gathering the children into those schools. The Sabbath-school work then is pre-eminently a Christian work. Christians should feel the weighty responsibility of the work. We would recommend as suitable leterature to aid in teaching in Sabbath-schools. "The International Lessons," published by the American Baptist Publication Society, at Philadelphia, and "Kind Words" at Macon, Ga.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. SUMRALL, Chairman.

Read and adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your committee on State Missions submit the following:

Nine years ago the State Mission Board began active operations. The aim of the Board has been threefold. 1. To develop the missionary spirit among our people. 2. To pro-

mote the unification of all our churches and Associations both in spirit and effort. 3. To secure the co-operation of all our churches and Associations with the Convention in the great work of State evangelization. To accomplish these desirable ends the Board has employed the following agencies: 1st, The sending out of faithful men as missionaries in destitute fields to build up the waste places, to preach the gospel to people who have it not, and to organize churches and Sunday-schools. 2d, By aiding feeble churches at important centres of influence and population in securing and supporting efficient pastors. 3d, By sending out capable men as evangelists to aid pastors in special meetings and to revive weak and declining churches. 4th, By employing missionary and Sunday-school colporteurs to distribute Bibles, tracts and other religious and denominational literature, and to instruct and organize Sunday-schools. The Board has sought to promote the piety, activity and liberality of the women of our churches, by encouraging the formation of Women's Missionary Societies. The work of our missionary, Mrs M. J. Nelson, in New Orleans, is sending out a gracious influence among a large number of our sisters. The Board has also done a good work among our colored churches through the labors of Elder A. H. Booth. The following is a summary of the work of the Board for nine years:

No. of missionaries	176
Days of actual service	22,207
No. miles traveled	264,209
No. sermons preached	13,841
Church prayer-meetings attended	4,195
Families visited for religious purposes	25,025
Persons baptized	2,301
Received by letter	1,380
Restored to church fellowship	164
Churches organized	30
Sunday-schools organized	73
Sunday-school addresses delivered	1,761
Pages of tracts distributed	198,242
Subscribers obtained for "Record"	1,073
Houses of worship built	10
Houses of worship repaired	18

The Board has received from the churches, $55,015.82.

Fully $30,000 has been raised by our missionaries for building and repairing houses of worship and parsonages.

All of $50,000 has been raised upon the various fields occupied by missionaries and expended in meeting current expenses and for other religious purposes, and not included in the first items, so that fully $135,015.82 have been raised either directly or indirectly by the Board and its missionaries.

Now does not this work commend itself to the approval of every church and every Baptist in this Association? Is it not worthy of our confidence, prayers and contributions? Will not every church and every member of every church help the Board in its great work? The Board has resolved to raise this year, if possible, $15,000. Of this amount the Churches of Union Association are asked for five hundred dollars. Surely we can easily raise this amount. We make the following recommendations:

1. We pledge the Board and each other that we will make an honest effort to raise at least five hundred dollars for State Missions during the present year.

2. That Elder A. A. Lomax be appointed to look after the collection of this money; and to co-operate with the corresponding secretary of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. PURSER,
T. J. MARTIN,
G. W. SIMMONS,
Committee.

Read and adopted.

On motion, it was resolved that Elder A. A. Lomax be made voluntary agent as asked for in State Mission report.

TRY PLEDGES FOR STATE MISSIONS.

Hazlehurst church	$150 00
White Oak	100 00
Brushy Fork	25 00
Fellowship	25 00
Gallman	40 00
New Hope	3 00
New Providence	25 00
Philadelphia	20 00
Pine Bluff	25 00
Pleasant Hill	10 00

Port Gibson	25 00
Rodney	10 00
Spring Hill	20 00
Beech Grove	25 00
New Zion	50 00
Ladies Aid Society White Oak	25 00
" " " Port Gibson	10 00
" " " Hazlehurst	10 00
" " " Gallman	5 00
	$603 00

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your committee on Nominations make the following report:

Place of next meeting, Gallman church, Copiah county, on Friday before the 4th Sabbatn in September, 1884, at 9 a. m.

To preach the introductory sermon, Elder J. A. Snyder.

We also recommend the appointment of the three annual committees, viz: On General Education, Foreign Missions and Sunday-schools.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. TILL,
A. H. McCAA,
R. B. LATIMER,
ELD. H. D. WHITE,
Committee.

Read and adopted.

On motion, adjourned for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Resumed business by joining Elder A. J. Miller in prayer.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee on Foreign Mission beg leave to report:

That they believe the subject of Foreign Missions deserve at the hands of this Association the very highest consideration. That now almost the entire world is thrown wide open to the

gospel. That far the greater part is yet without the gospel. That many populous provinces and even empires and some in easy access too have no gospel preacher at all. That vast and important openings are now offered to Christians to go in and possess. That other denominations are pressing in and occupying before us the most important portions of the globe. That we do heartily endorse the action of the Foreign Mission Board in trying to raise one hundred thousand dollars for their work this year. That the eight thousand dollars asked of Mississippi is none too much for our sixty-five thousand white Baptists to give. That our own Association has thus far done much too little for the Foreign Mission cause. That we recommend our churches now to take a good share in this work and try to raise three hundred dollars, or more, of the eight thousand dollars asked of our State. That finally we ask our pastors to preach more on this subject than they have done, and lead us more in the way of giving to this cause.

Respectfully submitted,

F. G. MARBLE, Ch'm'n,
JOS. SUMRALL,
Committee.

Read and adopted.

TRY PLEDGES FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Hazlehurst church	$ 50 00
White Oak	10 00
Brushy Fork	10 00
Beech Grove	5 00
W. T. McDade	2 50
Fellowship	25 00
Gallman	20 00
New Zion	15 00
Pine Bluff	5 00
Pleasant Hill	5 00
Port Gibson	5 00
Rodney	5 00
Bethesda	5 00
Ladies' Aid Society White Oak church	10 00
" " " Port Gibson	5 00
" " " Gallman	5 00
	$182 50

On motion, it was resolved that Elder A. J. Miller be requested to act as agent and to look after the collection of the amounts promised by the churches of the Association to Foreign Missions.

REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT.

Your committee on Pastoral Support beg leave to report:

We rejoice that progress has been made on this subject, yet it is not what it ought to be. Every church when it calls its pastor should make the necessary arrangements for his support and discharge the obligation that they have taken upon themselves. Efficient deacons are very important; where they are alive and understand their duty the pastor is not very apt to suffer. They are the financial officers of the church and all monetary matters should be committed unto them, and they should devise the plan by which the money is to be raised, and that to be done so that all shall bear their part, as the apostle has taught in the 8th chapter, 2nd, Cor. 13th and 14th v., "for I mean not that other men be eased and you burdened; but by an equality that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want, that there may be equality." We do not believe that the few should bear the whole burden when it can be made light by all bearing their part, and when all do this it makes it light. The deacons can better apportion it than anybody else and we would recommend that the deacons in all the churches work according to this plan.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. F. BOREN, Chairman.

Read and adopted.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee on Publications submit the following:

Bacon's expression "reading makes the full man," is rapidly being realized in this age. Publications of every grade and character, from the most chaste to the most corrupt, are filling our country with influences of eternal moment. The people of this age are emphatically a reading people. Publishers of immoral literature are awake to their interests; they are gaining every vantage ground possible to the diffusion of papers and pictures that insure the everlasting undoing of the rising generation.

A Christian tract under God may save a soul. An immoral picture or publication may prove the agent of home misery and soul destruction. The press is an unquestioned fixture; will God's people control and direct its doing?

Your Committee recommend first and above all the universal circulation and reading of the Bible. A Bible in the hands of every man and woman and child should be the objective point of our efforts. Among a number of useful publications we especially recommend the Baptist Record, published in Clinton, Miss., by Eld J. B. Gambrell; the Foreign Mission Journal published in Richmond, Va., by the Southern Baptist Convention; Kind Words published in Macon, Ga., under the direction of the Home Mission Board; Ford's Christian Repository, St Louis, Mo., and the Little Missionary published in Brookeville, Miss., by Eld. R. N. Hall. Lastly we recommend that our brethren give their influence against the publication and diffusion of all immoral literature whether in the form of books or periodicals.

Respectfully submitted,

Z. J. SCOTT, Chalrman.

Read and adopted.

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REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee on the Home Mission Board submit the following:

This Board located at Atlanta, Ga., with Dr. I. T. Tichenor as Secretary, has for its work, 1st, The destitute portions of our own Southland where they can not be reached by the State Boards. 2nd, The Indians both in the nations and territories and the wild tribes. 3rd, Chinese in California. 4th, The colored people in our Southern country.

In San Francisco, Cal., the Board has Dr. Hartwell and Mrs. Janie Sanford. They are working under great disadvantages with the Chinese. They need money and men to meet the demand of that work. In the destitute portions of our own territory they have ninety-five missionaries at work. These ninety-five men do not begin to meet the demand made upon the Board. The grand old Secretary sits to-day amid a pile of letters begging for help. The Board suffered severely in the loss of Dr. Buckner. God, however, has raised up

another man to take his place among the Indians, and the work is being pushed to the extent of ability with the means at hand. No interest fostered by our denomination appeals with such peculiar force and tenderness to us as that of the colored people. They constitute Africa in our midst. And while we give Dr. Tupper, of the Foreign Mission Board, thousands, lets give Dr. Tichenor tens of thousands to educate religiously our colored people. The Home Mission Board has asked for one hundred thousand dollars from the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention; and of this amount five thousand dollars is the amount Dr. Tichenor asks of Mississippi. Bro. Sproles the agent for the Board in Mississippi, asks that each church give to the Board the sum of money arising as sum total of a contribution of ten cents per member.

Your committee would suggest that a competent man be appointed to superintend this work in the bounds of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. SUMRALL, Chairman.

Read and adopted.

On motion, it was resolved that each church composing this Association be requested to contribute ten cents for each of her members for Home Missions during next Associational year, and that Bro. A. St. C. Thompson superintend such contributions.

TRY PLEDGES FOR HOME MISSIONS.

Z. J. Scott	$ 5 00
Wm. Sumrall	5 00
H. Coleman	5 00
W. J. Scott	2 00
W. T. Martin	5 00
Cash Collection	12 05
	$34 05

WOMAN'S WORK.

We believe that the sisterhood of our denomination is more deeply concerned about the interest of the Master's cause than ever before. With pleasure we call attention to the rapidly increasing number of their mission societies and their

growing contributions through these organizations which go to swell the treasury of our Boards, both mission and educational. We rejoice in the fact that the hearts of our sisters have been opened to the spirit of missions and their service more given to the enterprises and fostered by the denomination. We are also pleased to note the number who are offering themselves to the different mission Boards for direct personal service in the fields now open to them, with their devotion, tenderness and sympathy. Sister Mattie J. Nelson, missionary of our State Mission Board, and her work in the city of New Orleans, deserve special mention. She is succeeding in her noble Christlike work to an extent which is truly encouraging and honoring to the Master. We bespeak for her the prayers, sympathies and contributions of those composing this body. Another commendable work is now being rapidly pushed to completion by one of our consecrated women. We refer to the efforts of our sister Ratliff to build in Clinton, Miss., a cottage home for a class of young ministers, which may be greatly aided in this way. We bid her God speed. Sister Janie L. Sandford, another noble Mississippi woman, now laboring among the Chinese of the far western San Francisco city is worthy of praise and sympathy and support, We would urge that an effort be made to increase the number and deepen the interest of Ladies Aid Societies. In compliance with the request of Mrs A. J. Quinche, corresponding secretary of the Ladies Central Committee at Oxford, Miss, we recommend that quarterly reports be made to her and not to the Association separately. We further recommend that the amounts raised by the Mission Societies be embodied in the church letters to the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. DOUGLASS,
W. W. THAMES,
J. L. PRICE,
ELDER A. J. MILLER,
Committee.

Read and adopted.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee on Ministerial Education beg leave to submit the following:

We live in an age of progress. Development and expansion are the order of the day. In this age of rapid development the dissimination of knowledge is apace with everything else. Super human efforts are being made to educate the masses of the people. All the sciences are being made so simple that children grapple to-day with grand principles unknown to their fathers. Knowledge is being diffused over the whole land. As ministers are essentially teachers and are required to lead the people, it is absolutely necessary for them to be in advance of the people. To do this they must be educated. These premises admitted, then it becomes us to face like men some stubborn facts. It is understood by us all that God does not call many who are rich to be his embassadors. The majority of the young men who are now looking to the ministry are poor; to poor to pay the expenses of an education. While they see and feel the necessity of an education, they are helpless to obtain one. And as they are enlisted in a cause which is really our cause, and as they propose to do our work it stands us in hand to see that they are well furnished for the work.

Your committee would urge upon this Association to rise up and undertake for the Lord. We consider it the Lord's work. Not in an exclusive sense young ministers work. As farmers we are not willing to take blind mules, broken plows, and dilapidated gear to farm with. Neither should we be content to work with imperfect instrumentalities. We would represent to the Association that Mississippi College, our College, is the proper place to have our young ministers educated. They have advantages there to be derived nowhere else. We have a Board of Ministerial Education located at Clinton, which, through the benevolence of our people, have been giving advantages to ministerial students. Thirty-seven young men attended Mississippi College the last session having the ministry in view. Many or most of them receiving help from the Board. This Board is anxious to help all who come next session. To do this they require increased contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

H. COLEMAN, for Committee.

Read and adopted.

On motion, it was resolved that each church composing this Association be requested to contribute ten cents for each of her members for Ministerial Education during next Associational year, and that Bro. Z. J. Scott be agent for same.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, report as follows:

Received from the churches for Asso. purposes.....	$ 88 80
" " " " " State Missions.....	53 35
(Ladie's Aid Societies paid $18.70 of the above.)	
Received for Home Missions.....	25
" " Foreign "	2 75
" " Bible Distribution.....	25
" on Sabbath collection.....	13 25
Total.....	$158 65

We your committee have examined the Treasurer's report and find the same correct.

Respectfuily submitted,

J. A. BASS,
R. E. MANNING,

See "Church Work" for details.—J. D. G.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

C. J. Green, Treasurer,

In account with Union Baptist Association.

1882 RECEIPTS.

Sept. 25.	Rec'd from Hazlehurst ch. for S. M..	$ 7	50
	" " church's for Ass. purposes	99	20
	" " " " State Missions	135	08
	" " " " For'n "	36	30
	" " Philadelphia ch. for Home Missions, sent to Sister Sanford.....	2	00
	Rec. from Pleas. Hill ch. for same.	2	00
	" " Philadelphia ch for Min. Ed.	9	25
	Total.....	$291	33

1882 CREDITS.

Sep. 27.	Pd. Jos. Buckles, on acc. Home M., the same being paid Bro. Sproles for Sister Sanford.....	$ 2	00
	Paid Jos. Buckles on same account..	2	00
	" " " " State Missions..	11	73
	" H. T. Lewis, on acc. Min'st'l Ed	9	25
	" Jos. Buckles on acc. State Miss'ns	25	00
	" " " " " " "	20	85
	" " " " " " "	4	15
	" J. A. Scarborough for same.....	3	10
	" A. A. Lomax for same.....	21	50
Sep. 25.	Paid A. J. Miller for Foreign Miss.	18	90
	" " " " for same.....	31	30
	" A. A. Lomax on State Missions	48	75
	" J. D. Granberry clerk fee.....	25	00
	Print'g minutes, postage and express	53	50
	Paid A. A. Lomax for State Miss'ns	20	70
	Total.....	$297	73

A considerable amount of the above never came into my hands, but was received and paid out by other parties, consequently I have not been able to get the receipts and credits to balance up right.

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. GREEN.

Read and adopted.

REPORT ON PROHIBITION.

Your committee on Prohibition beg leave to submit the following report:

Whereas judgement must begin at the house of God, we think reformation with regard to the manufacture sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage should begin among the people of God. This whisky business is in itself good or bad; right or wrong. Now, what ought men and women professing godliness to do with reference to this, perhaps the most widespread and ruinous evil in the world? Can they afford to abide the argument of liquor men? viz: "If one man does not make, sell or drink it, another will, and therefore it can't be prohibited." They had as well argue, if one man does not profane the Sabbath, steal or murder, another will, therefore we should not use our influence in favor of wholesome legislation against these evils. No! a thousand times no!! But, on the other hand, every one who feels that God for Christ's sake has pardoned his sins, we think should wage a crusade against this mind-wrecking, peace-breaking, poverty-making, soul and body destroying demon. In conclusion, we give as our honest conviction that no Christian can consistently vote for any candidate for an office of honor or profit who is not opposed to the manufacture, sale and use of alcoholic or malt liquors as a beverage. And from the experience of the past we are fully persuaded that the member of the church who manufactures, sells or drinks intoxicating liquors as a beverage ought to be dealt with by the church as guilty of a gross sin.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR THOMPSON,
W. T. McDADE,
W. A. HARRIS,
ELDER H. D. WHITE,
Committee.

Read and adopted.

On motion, the Argus, published at Clinton, was recommended as a fearless advocate of prohibition.

FORM OF ASSOCIATIONAL LETTER.

Your committee on Associational Letters beg leave to report:

That realizing the necessity of adopting some plan by which correct statistics of our denomination can be compiled, and believing that end can best be attained by each church sending up to their respective Association a full statistical report of their membership and work. Therefore, we would respectfully recommend to the churches composing this Union Association the adoption of the following form of Associational letter:

The.....*Baptist Church,*

To UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION:

We send as delegates to represent us in your body our brethren .....
and as alternates.....

STATISTICS—CHURCH.

Received—By baptism..... by letter....., by restoration..... Total.....
Lost—By death....., by letter....., by expulsion..... Total.....
Membership last year....., increase....., diminution.....
Present membership—males....., females..... Total.....

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Pastor's salary....., Foreign Missions..... Home Missions ....., State Missions....., Associational Missions....., Ministerial Education....., Mississippi College....., other objects..... Total.....

CHURCH PROPERTY.

Value of house of worship....., of other property, ...; Expended on buildings and repairs.....

STATISTICS—SUNDAY-SCHOOL

Officers and teachers..... ; Scholars..... ; Total.....
Times of meeting..... ; Expenses..... ; Literature used ..... ; Superintendent.....
Contributions by other bodies (included in church contributions).....Total .....
Time of church meeting.....
Pastor.....
Clerk..... ; Post-office.....
Ordained ministers..... ; Licentiates.....

REMARKS.

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May the Great Head of the church manifest His presence in your meetings, and make your deliberations harmonious and to the glory of God.

Done by order of the church in conference.....188..

.....Moderator.

....Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. THOMPSON,
A. J. MILLER,
Committee.

Read and adopted.

(Pastors and Moderators will please ask that Clerks do not forget to fill the above form.—J. D. Granberry, Clerk.)

On motion it was ordered that the Clerk be requested to have.....blank forms of the Associational letter printed and distributed to church clerks.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to White Oak church and the citizens of this vicinity for their kindness and the hospitable manner in which the Association has been entertained.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes and that he be allowed twenty-five dollars for his services, and he be permitted to draw on the treasury for the same.

On motion the Treasurer was requested to pay to the State Mission Board all surplus money there may be after defraying all Associational expenses.

On motion, the Clerk was requested to draw up corresponding letter.

On motion, roll call and reading of the minutes was dispersed with.

ANNUAL COMMITTEES

Sabbath-schools—J. D. Granberry,
General education—Elder Joseph Buckles,
Foreign missions—Wm. Sumrall.

On motion, adjourned to meet at time and place designated by nominating committee.

After giving the hand of fellowship the sixty-third annual session was closed by uniting with Elder Geo. Whitfield in prayer.

J. A. SNYDER, Moderator.

J. D. GRANBERRY, Clerk.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

THE UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

To Corresponding Bodies: Sendeth Christian Greeting:

Dear Brethren:—We thank God that under Divine guidance the Union Baptist Association convened in its sixty-third annual session with the White Oak church, Copiah county, Miss., September 22 1883. We enrolled some appreciated messengers from your bodies. A few of our churches have had glorious revival seasons: others are "at peace" awaiting the moving of the Holy Spirit. Mission appeals from all sections are calling to us for aid. May this be the gracious year of giving, thereby extending the kingdom of God. Our next session will be held with Gallman church, Copiah county, Miss., on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in September 1884, at 9 a.m. We desire a continuance of our correspondence. May the Lord govern you in your deliberations.

J. D. GRANBERRY, Clerk.

Churches.	Pastors.	Clerks.
ANTIOCH		J. F. Conn.
BETHESDA	S. G. Cooper	J. W. Smith.
BRUSHY FORK	S. R. Young	A. U. Scott.
BEECH GROVE	S. G. Cooper	Wm. Holder.
BETHANY		
BETHLEHEM		
BEAUREGARD		
DAMASCUS	R. H. Purser	J. D. Granberry.
FELLOWSHIP	J. A. Snyder	R. M. J. Arnette.
GALLMAN	A. J. Miller	S. F. Wiltshire.
HAZLEHURST	A. A. Lomax	C. M. Bankston.
NEW HOPE	S. R. Young	W. J. Martin.
NEW ZION	A. J. Miller	W. J. Scott.
NEW PROVIDENCE	Joseph Buckles	P. H. Davis
PHILADELPHIA	Joseph Buckles	J. E. Decell
PINE BLUFF	S. R. Young	M. Hood.
PORT GIBSON	H. D. White	E. B. Thompson.
RODNEY	J. A. Snyder	D. B. Wilcox.
SPRING HILL	J. E. Thigpen	W. F. Renfrow.
WHITE OAK	H. D. White	W. L. Cooper.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches.	Counties.	Post Office.	Abstracts.	Time of meeting	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Males	Females	Total	No. Minutes
Antioch	Copiah	Hazlehurst	Cold		...	...	1	6	...	1	25	38	63	2o
Bethesda	Jefferson	Union Church	Revived	3	4	5	...	2	1	2	14	24	38	15
Bethany	Claibourne	Port Gibson	Not represented		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bethlehem	Franklin	Turner	Not represented		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Brushy Fork	Copiah	Myles Station	Revived		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Beech Grove	Claibourne	Tillman Station	At peace	3	24	...	3	8	1	1	39	42	81	25
Beauregard	Copiah	Beauregard	Not represented	2	4	...	3	1	4	1	13	37	5o	1o
Damascus	Copiah	Hazlehurst	Revived		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fellowship	Jefferson	Rodney	Prosperous	1	24	8	3	7	1	5	92	175	267	65
Gallman	Copiah	Gallman	At peace	1 & 3	...	1	...	2	...	...	38	63	1o1	3o
Hazlehurst	Copiah	Hazlehurst	Encouraged	2	...	...	...	8	...	2	26	5o	76	15
New Hope	Copiah	Hazlehurst	At peace	2 & 4	...	1o	...	9	1	3	33	79	112	25
New Zion	Copiah	Crystal Springs	At peace	2	...	...	1	...	1	1	7	7	14	12
New Providence	Copiah	Caseyville	At peace	4	1	2	...	6	...	2	56	89	145	4o
Philadelphia	Lincoln	Caseyville	Prosperous	3	...	2	...	4	...	3	28	38	66	2o
Pine Bluff	Copiah	Crystal Springs	Hopeful	2	1	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Piedmont	Jefferson	Union	Not Represented	1	4	...	...	2	1	3	33	105	138	2o
Pleasant Hill	Copiah	Union Church	Prosperous		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Port Gibson	Claiborne	Port Gibson	At peace	4	3o	1o	1	9	3	2	54	67	121	4o
Rodney	Jefferson	Rodney	At peace	1	...	5	...	1	...	...	9	24	33	2o
Spring Hill	Copiah	Beauregard	At peace	2 & 4	...	...	...	...	1	...	15	1o	25	2o
White Oak	Copiah	Utica	At peace	3	4	3	...	2	1	...	3o	43	73	2o
				3	5	1	...	1	...	3	41	51	92	3o

CHURCH WORK.

Churches	Pastor's Salary	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	Associational Missions	Ministerial Education	Mississippi College	Other objects	Value of house of worship	Other property
Antioch					4 75					
Bethesda					2 00				100 00	
Bethany										
Beauregard										
Bethlehem										
Brushy Fork	55 00		2 00		5 00			23 00	500 00	5 00
Beech Grove	50 00				1 30		1 95		200 00	
Damascus	250 00	7 95	73 20		10 00	7 45		57 00	200 00	130 00
Fellowship				22 00	6 00					
Gallman	150 00			32 50	3 70				1000 00	
Hazlehurst	600 00	30 10		100 00	4 25	35 50	58 55	128 34		
New Hope	25 00			2 50	2 00					
New Zion	150 00			36 40	7 00	10 00		26 85	1000 00	
New Providence					9 30					
Piedmont										
Pine Bluff	100 00			7 75	5 70					
Philadelphia	110 00	2 30	1 00	2 00	3 00	10 00	1 00	140 65	1100 00	90 00

CHURCH WORK—CONTINUED.

Pleasant Hill	100 00	2 75	25	75						

CHURCH WORK—CONTINUED.

Pleasant Hill	100 00	2 75	25	75	5 00	.....	.....	25	.....	.....
Port Gibson	100 00	.....	.....	20 00	8 35	.....	2 00	5 00	1300 00	.....
Rodney	192 50	.....	.....	7 15	2 20	.....	.....	50 00	1000 00	200 00
Spring Hill	140 00	6 65	.....	8 00	5 85	.....	.....	22 60	.....	.....
White Oak	200 00	.....	.....	75 00	10 00	.....	.....	388 00	900 00	.....
Ladies Society, Damascus	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" " Hazlehurst	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	70 75	.....	.....
" " Gallman	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	.....	.....
" " Port Gibson	.....	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	2 00	5 00	.....	.....
" " White Oak	.....	.....	.....	41 05	.....	.....	.....	42 55	.....	.....

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ARTICLES OF FAITH.

OF THE

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Adopted, First Session, September 18, 1820.

Preamble.

We, the churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith, are convinced of the utility of a combination of churches, and of maintaining a correspondence for a preservation of our union among churches of the same faith and order, we therefore, agree to form ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, viz:

I. We believe in one triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost; the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

II. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.

III. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude in the imputation of all his sins to all his posterity—in the total depravity of human nature and in man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

IV. We believe that God hath loved his people with an everlasting love, that He chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world; that He calleth them with a holy and effectual calling, and being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ, imputed to them, they are kept by the power of God, through faith unto salvation.

V. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man—the man Christ Jesus, who, by the satisfaction he made to law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath, by his most precious blood, redeemed the elect from under the curse of the law that they might be holy and without blame before Him in love.

VI. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state; and that all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

VII. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment that the happiness of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting.

GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe that a Church of Jesus Christ is a congregation of immersed believers, who have given themselves to the Lord, and to one another by the will God, and have covenanted to keep up a godly discipline, agreeable to the rules of the gospel,

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Head of the church—the only Law-giver, and the government is with the church.

3. That baptism and the Lord's Supper are the Gospel ordinances appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until his second coming.

4. That the immersion of the body in the water, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, is the only Scriptural baptism, as taught by Christ and his Apostles.

5. That none but regularly baptized church members who live a holy life, have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

6. That it is the privilege and duty of all believers to make a public profession of their faith, by submitting themselves, as subjects of baptism and as members, to the visible church.

7. That it is the duty of every regularly organized church to expel from her communion, all disorderly and immoral members, or those who hold doctrines contrary to the Scripture.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. Those delegates who are regularly chosen by the churches in our Union, shall compose the Association.

2. The delegates so chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, together with the number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and dead, since the last Association.

3. The delegates thus chosen and convened, shall be denominated the "Union Baptist Association."

4. The Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present, who shall hold their offices until their successors are elected.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into this Union, they shall petition by letter and delegates. If received, the Moderator shall extend to the delegates the right hand of fellowship. The Association shall always have the power to receive or reject applicants for membership.

6. No church in this Union shall have a right to more than three delegates, unless she shall exceed one hundred members, then she will have a right to an additional delegate for every additional fifty members.

7. Every query sent to the Association, by any church in the Union, shall be read and put to a vote by the Moderator whether it shall be debated; and if there shall be a majority for it, it shall be taken up and investigated; provided, always, that those be first considered which affect the union of the churches.

8. Every motion made and seconded shall be taken up by the Association except it be withdrawn by the person who made it.

9. Only one person shall speak at once, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator.

10. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted except he depart from the subject, break the Rules of Decorum, or cast reflections upon a brother, in which case he shall be immediately called to order by the Moderator.

11. No person shall speak more than twice upon the same subject, without leave of the Moderator.

12. No brother shall finally depart from the conference without leave of the Association.

13. All reports to this body shall be sent up in writing.

14. The Moderator shall have the liberty of speaking on any question that may be debated; provided the chair be previously filled, but shall only have the privilege of voting when the Association is equally divided.

15. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association deems expedient.

16. We think it actually necessary to have an Associational fund for defraying the expenses of the same; for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the Union to contribute such sums as it may think proper, and send them by their delegates to the Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches, shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, by the Association appointed, who shall be accountable to the Association for all the money by him received, and paid out according to the direction of the same.

17. The name of no delegate shall appear upon the minutes of this Association, who absents himself before adjournment without leave of the Association.

18. The Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association rises.

POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1. It shall be the business of the Association to provide for the general union of the churches.

2. To keep up a friendly correspondence (when convenient) with other Associations of the same faith and order.

3. This Association shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor infringe upon any of the internal rights of the churches.

4. It shall be the duty of the Association to give the churches the best advice in their power, in difficult matters, to inquire into any difficulties which may exist between sister churches, and remove them if possible.

5. To admit any of the brethren in the ministry as assistants, but not to give them the privilege of voting.

6. This Association shall have the power to withdraw from any church in the Union, which may be unsound in principle or immoral in practice, until reclaimed.

7. To appoint any person or persons by and with their consent, to transact any business which the Association may deem necessary.

8. The Association shall have the power to adjourn to any time or place they may think proper.

9. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

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